



# CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

## CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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Deadline for next Newsletter: 12<sup>th</sup> August

**WELCOME.** Verges and lawns are certainly looking rather bleached at the moment! Good luck to those exhibiting flowers and vegetables at the Village Show - or baking - given the rather hot weather of late.

### Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Prior to the meeting Simon Pugh, UDC Assistant Director (Governance and Legal) and Monitoring Officer gave over training to Councillors concerning the new Code of Conduct published by UDC last year, the adoption of which was on the Meeting Agenda.

Cllr Ryan and Cllr Cook had sent apologies.

Five parishioners were in attendance with UDC Cllr Oliver & ECC Cllr Gooding, who both attended for part of the meeting. A member of the Landscape History Group gave over information concerning the Listening Bench, a parishioner representing Starlings Green residents presented a petition letter and a parishioner spoke on the grass cutting of the spare allotment ground & its gate. The Royal British Legion thanked the Parish Council for the donation towards the branch's attendance and wreath laying at GP90 - the commemoration to be held in August at the Menin Gate

**County Cllr Report-** Cllr Gooding stated that he was pleased that the bank at Cock Lane was at last repaired and the road open. He observed that ECC's education objection to the land behind the school appeared now to be mitigated by developer contributions. Further to last month, the PC advised that they did not have the skills set to take over and contract out repairs to footways/pavements & or other small highways tasks currently dealt with by Ringway Jacobs on behalf of ECC Highways as being suggested. They were further concerned of insurance exposure if works were not executed correctly.

**District Cllr Report** -Cllr Oliver reminded the Council of the consultation period for the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Local Plan which ends on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Comments which cannot be included in the Local Plan will, however, accompany the Plan when it is sent to the Inspector in October/November. This progress, and the higher housing numbers should reduce the threat that the Government take over writing the Plan. Cllr Oliver stated that he was not happy that the plan had to account for the additional housing number and is concerned that future occupants will live locally but work at distance. However the plan being rejected was a worse alternative. There is no further development listed for Clavering in the plan, excepting that granted already near Oxleys Close. He confirmed his concerns about the application to build behind Clavering School.

**Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Local Plan** - decision to comment deferred

**Listening Bench** - Parish Council now to take over

ownership from ECC/Essex Records Office, subject to clarification of an aspect of the insurance on the sound unit.

**Cock Lane and Watery Stones** - Clerk instructed to write and thank those who were involved, including contractors for the quality of repair, for the works achieved and the new chevron signs erected at Watery Stones bend. Parishioners thanks to PC noted.

**Code of Conduct** - UDC's new Code of Conduct adopted. Councillors reminded to submit their Declarations of Interest under this Code and also apply for dispensations re. Easement Funds.

**Standing Orders** - NALC revision 2018 adopted

**Policies** -Health and Safety Policy reviewed. Risk Assessment policy reviewed.

**Skip at Hill Green** - email received and permission agreed for skip to be placed for short time, with any damage repaired.

**Allotments-** gate to be inspected

**UDC Highways Rangers** - agreed that Cllr Carter will be the Parish Representative to meet with Rangers to determine the tasks they are able to undertake in Clavering.

**Health and Safety Briefing 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018** - report received

**Grass Cutting** - arrangements for the cutting of Stickling Green, Lower Hill Green, Allotments, Dick Ball Meadow Hedge to be formally put in place.

**Clerks Report** : Received and noted.

**Diseased Lime Tree at Hill Green opposite Village Hall:** Advice from two tree surgeons on pollarding or felling & quotes for such. Determined to fell.

**Risk Assessment:** possible rot to Eggie's bench to be checked; chestnut tree at Upper Hill Green with deep bark fractures to be checked.

**Finance** - Quarterly Accounts presented. Cheques approved.

**Dispute & Employment** : discussions held in camera as matters confidential.

**Planning Received for PC Comment:**

**UTT/18/1693/FUL Land Adjacent To The Hazels, Wicken Road** Erection of 2 no. dwellings (amended scheme to that approved under planning permission UTT/17/1950/FUL) **Objections**

**UTT/18/1470/FUL Ponds Manor, Deers Green** Convert exiting garage to workshop, removal of existing lean-to extensions, extensions to both sides and replace roof increasing pitch to provide 1st floor bedroom and en-suite **Objections**

### **Planning Decisions made by UDC:**

#### **UTT/18/1127/HHF Oaklands, Middle Street**

First floor extension to entire dwelling and two storey front extension **Approve with Conditions**

#### **UTT/18/1207/FUL Lantern Thatch, Wicken Road**

Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling. Alterations to existing vehicular access **Approve with Conditions**

### **Planning Decisions made by ECC**

#### **CC/UTT/12/18 Clavering Primary School**

The continuation of development of the erection of an extension to the school with associated works and hard play extension with amendment to Condition 4 (provision of secure and covered scooter parking facilities) and omission of Condition 5 (provision of a parking area and marked out space) attached to planning permission (CC/UTT/03/18) to allow the provision of secure uncovered scooter parking facilities and the omission of the additional car parking space.

**Granted**

### **Hedges and Pavements:**

It seems to be that time of the year when hedges grow overnight and brambles suddenly snake out to attack unsuspecting passers-by!

If you do own such a hedge, your efforts in cutting it back are greatly appreciated by pedestrians. THANK YOU

**Car Parking on Pavements can force children, parents with prams, and the elderly to walk in the road if there is no room to pass.**

**PLEASE PARK COURTEOUSLY ON THE ROAD AND DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE PAVEMENT.**

### **CLAVERING JUBILEE FIELD**

We're all aware that the play park equipment at Jubilee Field is looking a little...well tired and in need of some TLC. So we're on a mission to upgrade and revamp it to make it an engaging, safe and functional space that the whole community can enjoy - regardless of age or ability.

Please take 2 or 3 minutes to complete our survey letting us know how you would like to see the space developed.

Be honest, give as much detail as you like and feel free to email [acomunityspaceforall@gmail.com](mailto:acomunityspaceforall@gmail.com) if you've any further thoughts or suggestions.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6HL6VNF>

Thank you very much,  
Jubilee Field Play Park Working Party

Approved Council Minutes and Financial Statements are to be found on the Parish Council website:

[www.essexinfo.net/claveringparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/claveringparishcouncil)

Draft Council Minutes are posted on the Parish Council Board and the website.

The Council meets the second Monday of each month. The next Agenda can be found in the week before each Meeting on the Parish Council's notice board, by the Post Box at Clavering Shop and the Parish Council website with the latter also providing the supporting meeting documents

**Date of next full Parish Council meeting,  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm  
at the Village Hall. All welcome.**

### **Mobile Library**

#### **CHANGE TO ECC LIBRARY SERVICES**

The Mobile Library will now make only one stop in Clavering on a Saturday.

Clavering Christian Centre

10.30am until 11am

14<sup>th</sup> July & 4<sup>th</sup> August

### **Green Waste 2018**

There is a new venue for this service.

Clavering Place Farm, between Stickling Green and the bend heading off to the Mills.

10.30am- 11.30am

28th July

25th August

22nd September

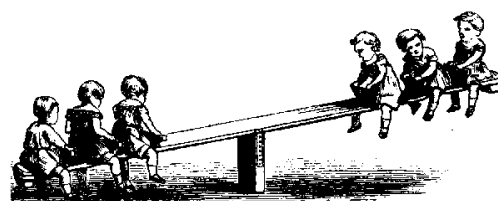
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17th November

### **Village Ponds and Deep Water.**

Though the Frog Pond is looking like a mud hole at the moment, as summer is here this is just a little reminder to everyone - young and old - to please take care near the village ponds.

The depth of pond water can be quite deceptive.



## 2018 - Clavering Horticultural Society's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Flower, Vegetable & Cookery Show**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Clavering Village Hall**

\*Over 80 classes for all ages and abilities \* Three Special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Classes with a £20 prize for winners\*

Entries to be notified by 7 pm Wednesday 25th July  
Doors Open at 8:30 am, exhibits to be staged by 11 am  
Show opens at 3 pm. Prize giving and Raffle at 4 pm  
Admission 50p, Children and society members free  
Home made refreshments available.

### **Vegetables**

The show has classes for most vegetables and salad items. There's even a specific class for novices! This isn't a show that's about showing the biggest or longest items, so anyone can enter and stand a good chance of winning and our schedule provides details of how to select and show your entries

### **Flowers & Arrangements**

As well as classes for perennials and roses, there are classes with annuals or pot plants. There are four flower arrangement classes. The main class is an exhibit on 'A Diamond Jubilee' And there are also simpler arrangements using 7 stems or fresh foliage or a miniature arrangement

### **Cookery**

We have classes for preserves, chutneys and pickles, home-made wine and fruit liquors as well as other items! This year's recipe class is gluten free chocolate brownies.

### **Children**

6 different classes: cookery, drawing, egg decorating, garden design, flower arranging and monster making!! Each class has money prizes. The child with the most points receives a cup engraved with their name Children can also enter any of the adult classes

**Full details, a schedule listing the classes or answers to any questions you may have can be obtained from any of our committee member listed on our website: [www.claveringhorticulturalsociety.club](http://www.claveringhorticulturalsociety.club)**

**The schedule can also be sent out to you via email – contact [claveringhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:claveringhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com)  
Chairman : Richard Bailey Secretary: Nigel Wood**

### **Clavering Bowls Club** - During the season there will be regular **Practice Evenings on Mondays at 6pm**

Just turn up if you would like to try bowling – all you need is a flat pair of sandals or plimsolls (preferably not trainers) as bowls are provided. Refreshments available

The Clubhouse and Bowling Green are located at the far side of the Jubilee Field, alongside the tennis courts.

*For an introductory leaflet on the game ring Sue Hollingworth*

Bowls Club contacts: Mike Patmore (Captain) Lee Woods

**Uttlesford Citizens Advice Bureau** needs to recruit two Trustees to help set the direction of their charity. If you are interested and would like more information contact Jo Hancock, Office Administrator. Uttlesford Citizens Advice  
Tel: 01799 618846  
Barnards Yard, Saffron Walden. CB11 4EB  
*Please note her working days are Tuesday and Wednesday*

**Clavering Village Hall Council of Management**  
Please note there is a new Bookings Secretary for the Village Hall:  
Catherine Baker - 01799 550554  
[Claveringvhall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Claveringvhall@hotmail.co.uk)

**Clavering Cricket Club.** Unfortunately, quite a few cricketers contracted football fever in July so the match and the Special Vice Presidents Tea both scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> July were cancelled.  
Upcoming games: July 22<sup>nd</sup> versus Little Hadham (Away) July 29<sup>th</sup> versus Camden (Away)  
August 5<sup>th</sup> versus Woodcutters (Home) August 12<sup>th</sup> versus Hatfield Heath (Away)  
August 19<sup>th</sup> versus Philanderers (Away). The Vice Presidents Tea will now be on 26<sup>th</sup> August when we play Little Canfield at home.

Visitors to the game are most welcome – and always offered tea and cake between innings.

We have some great games coming up – Camden and Philanderers will be at Cambridge College Grounds- and would welcome more members to our 'squad'. Do contact Rob Clayton if you would like to spend an afternoon playing cricket in very picturesque settings!

### **Clavering Village Sign Update.**

The Working Party had a delightful visit from a Signmaking Company last month.

They checked over the carved oak roundel – all sound! They will now be looking at the suggestions submitted by the children as well as photographs of the village in order to bring everything together for their artist to suggest a suitable design that represents Clavering. Very exciting!!

They are also looking at the costings of various materials for the roundel insert (we have been awarded an ECC match-funded CIF grant for this). Even more exciting!!

### **Health and Safety Briefing 4<sup>th</sup> June.**

The Parish Council thanks the eleven parishioners who attended the evening, especially as Health and Safety measures could be considered to be pretty much common sense & so an evening's briefing on such be deemed tedious, particularly given that many had received general health and safety training over previous years.

It is hoped that the attendees found the individual advice given over by the facilitator to be useful for working on the very differing areas of the Parish Land and Village Green eg some work beside a fast road, others on banked inclines; some work only on grass, others work on small copses with ponds.

The facilitator observed that as those attending cumulatively racked up hundreds of years in tending these areas and as no serious accidents had been caused to date, it was obvious that attendees were capable of good practice and that the evening underlined the cooperation between parishioners and the council to meet the legal requirements for work on parish owned land.

In response to some questions being raised, the facilitator wondered whether the villagers concerned could further show their commitment to the process by coming forward to the PC with a Risk Assessment they have determined themselves with their safety concerns so that these can be to be addressed in the PC's Health and Safety Policy. The Parish Council would welcome this; the policy has been revised following this briefing and will be on our website but if any attendee has any further suggested amendments, please do let the Council know. Thank you.

### **Website Link to report Highway problems to Essex County Council**

<http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx>

This website page can be used to report problems (such as potholes, traffic lights not working, pavement/kerb/drainage defects, overgrown trees or hedges, blocked/damaged footpaths, and more).

We encourage parishioners to use this service as we find that Essex CC responds more swiftly to problems reported on-line and also a reference number for the report is generated immediately.

This link can also be used to check outstanding queries, road closures, gritting routes and bus information.

**GDPR Information:** For the Newsletter, we have determined an 'opt-out request'.

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If you receive a hard copy of the PC Newsletter, this will continue UNLESS you send a note to the Parish Clerk at the address below advising that you wish for your household not to receive the Newsletter.

If there are any households who currently have a paper copy and who could take the Newsletter by email, please do send your email address through to the PC Clerk or Chairman. Currently 150 households – scattered all around the village and at its far reaches – receive the hard copies thanks to one volunteer who delivers them all.

### **YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

**Chair:** Stephanie Gill: **Vice Chair:** Robert Clayton:

**Councillors:** Brian Barrow: Richard Carter: Nigel Cook:

Ron Couchman: Mike Patmore: Martina Ryan: Rebecca Stanford:

**Clerk:** Mrs Victoria Moore : 07986 914991 **Email:** [clerk@claveringvillage.org.uk](mailto:clerk@claveringvillage.org.uk)

**Parish Council Address:** Clerk to the Council. P.O. Box No. 247, Saffron Walden CB10 9ET

**The Clerk's availability to parishioners is usually Monday 11:45-2:45pm, Thursday 11:45-2:45pm**  
**Parishioners should note that as the Parish Clerk works from home, unannounced visits to her home are not to be undertaken.**